

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2022 AT 9:00AM  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Deborah Cook, Guadalupe Gamboa, Jeff Sbaih, and Han Tran.

**Staff:** Cheryl Strobert, Interim Executive Director; Kristin Lamson, Assistant Attorney General; Colleen Melody, Assistant Attorney General; Heidi Turner, Civil Rights Specialist; Selene Garcia, Customer Service Specialist; Ludmila Barbacar, Civil Rights Investigator; Becky Moore, Civil Rights Investigator; Ana Sepulveda, Civil Rights Investigator; and Riley Wessels, Civil Rights Investigator.

**Interviewee(s):** Andreta Armstrong and Eric Gutierrez

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chair Cook chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEW**

The Commission held an interview for Executive Director candidate Andreta Armstrong.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting minutes for July 28, 2022 and August 11, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Sbaih moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Gamboa seconded the motion.

**CASE CLOSURES**

Commissioner Gamboa moved to approve the cases for closure. Commissioner Sbaih seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTING**

Interim Executive Director Strobert stated that the Commission is preparing to submit decision packages; the Commission will be requesting funding for a database, additional staffing, and retirement buyouts.

Interim Executive Director Strobert stated the HUD team has met with HUD to review the Commission's performance for the past year. HUD will submit a performance report.

Interim Executive Director Strobert stated the Commission is eligible for additional HUD funding.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

Chair Cook reports that the Pharmaceutical Commission will be modifying their requirements for accessibility of drug labeling.

## **AAG UPDATE**

Assistant Attorney General Colleen Melody stated that the AGO has filed a case in Yakima County Superior Court against Ostrom Mushroom Farm, alleging discrimination on the basis of gender and immigration status.

Assistant Attorney General Kristin Lamson stated that the Commission has filed a complaint in the Office of Administrative Hearings against Hughes Group, LLC.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None made.

## **RECESS**

10:01 AM – 11:00 AM

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEW**

The Commission held an interview for Executive Director candidate Eric Gutierrez.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission moved into Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications applicants for public employment for the Executive Director position pursuant to RCW 42.30.1101(g). It was anticipated that the session would last until 12:00 PM, and the meeting would reconvene to adjourn.

Executive Session started at 11:47 AM and ended at 12:23 PM.

## **2022 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

September 22, 2022 at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
October 27, 2022 at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
November 2022:	TBD
December 2022:	TBD

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Alison Riffer